

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

In re:)	
)	Chapter 11
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FTX TRADING LTD., <i>et al.</i> , ¹)	Case No. 22-11068 (JTD)
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Debtors.)	(Jointly Administered)
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)	<u>Objection Deadline: January 4, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. (ET)</u> ²
)	<u>Hearing Date: March 20, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. (ET)</u>
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**SUPPLEMENT TO THE FOURTH INTERIM FEE APPLICATION OF FTI
CONSULTING, INC., FINANCIAL ADVISOR TO THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF
UNSECURED CREDITORS, FOR ALLOWANCE OF COMPENSATION FOR
SERVICES RENDERED AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES FOR THE PERIOD
AUGUST 1, 2023 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2023**

Name of Applicant:	FTI Consulting, Inc.
Authorized to provide professional services to:	Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors
Date of Retention:	Order entered February 15, 2023, effective as of December 22, 2022 [Docket No. 730]
Period for which compensation and reimbursement are sought:	August 1, 2023 through October 31, 2023 (the “Application Period”)
Amount of compensation sought as actual, reasonable, and necessary:	\$6,578,362.00
Amount of expense reimbursement sought as actual, reasonable, and necessary:	\$16,550.77

¹ The last four digits of FTX Trading Ltd.’s tax identification number are 3288. Due to the large number of debtor entities in these Chapter 11 Cases, a complete list of the Debtors and the last four digits of their federal tax identification numbers is not provided herein. A complete list of such information may be obtained on the website of the Debtors’ claims and noticing agent at <https://cases.ra.kroll.com/FTX>.

² The objection deadline set forth herein is for all parties other than the Fee Examiner and the U.S. Trustee (each as defined in the Fee Examiner Order), whose objection deadline shall be governed by that certain *Order (I) Appointing Fee Examiner and (II) Establishing Procedures for Consideration of Requested Fee Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses* [Docket No. 834] (the “Fee Examiner Order”).

Rates are higher than those approved or disclosed at retention?	Yes ³
Compensation sought in this application already paid pursuant to a monthly compensation order but not yet allowed:	\$1,928,838.80
Expenses sought in this application already paid pursuant to a monthly compensation order but not yet allowed:	\$10,487.46
Number of professionals included in this application:	39
If applicable, number of professionals in this application not included in staffing plan approved by client:	N/A
If applicable, difference between fees budgeted and compensation sought for this period:	N/A
Number of professionals billing fewer than 15 hours to the case during this period:	6

This is an: monthly interim final application.

³ Please refer to the Supplemental Declarations of FTI Consulting filed at D.I. 1132 and D.I. 3028 for more information.

COMPENSATION BY TIMEKEEPER

Professional	Position	Specialty	Billing Rate⁴	Total Hours	Total Fees
Chesley, Rachel	Sr Managing Dir	Communications	\$ 1,083	7.3	\$ 7,902.50
Baldo, Diana	Sr Consultant	Communications	533	39.1	20,822.50
Jasser, Riley	Consultant	Communications	407	42.9	17,480.00
McNew, Steven	Sr Managing Dir	Cryptocurrency	1,200	56.1	67,320.00
de Brignac, Jessica	Managing Dir	Cryptocurrency	910	109.8	99,918.00
Leonaitis, Isabelle	Sr Consultant	Cryptocurrency	595	50.1	29,809.50
Vazquez Ortiz, Fredrix	Sr Consultant	Cryptocurrency	595	23.4	13,923.00
Kamran, Kainat	Consultant	Cryptocurrency	440	27.5	12,100.00
Busen, Michael	Sr Managing Dir	Data & Analytics	1,358	16.0	21,726.50
Garofalo, Michael	Senior Director	Data & Analytics	935	79.1	73,958.50
Jordan, Mason	Sr Consultant	Data & Analytics	661	129.1	85,379.50
Kimche, Livia	Consultant	Data & Analytics	484	138.5	67,091.50
Risler, Franck	Sr Managing Dir	Derivatives	1,786	380.8	680,136.00
Rousskikh, Valeri	Managing Dir	Derivatives	1,331	235.0	312,767.00
Diodato, Michael	Managing Dir	Derivatives	1,230	396.5	487,685.00
Kubali, Volkan	Managing Dir	Derivatives	1,261	228.3	287,871.00
Watson, Ching	Managing Dir	Derivatives	1,286	166.3	213,883.00
Majkowski, Stephanie	Senior Director	Derivatives	1,132	440.1	498,245.00
You, Can	Senior Director	Derivatives	1,190	31.0	36,890.00
Guo, Xueying	Director	Derivatives	1,019	396.4	403,989.50
Langer, Cameron	Director	Derivatives	949	410.7	389,688.00
Baer, Laura	Senior Director	Forensic Accounting	975	13.4	13,065.00
Fiorillo, Julianna	Director	Forensic Accounting	889	6.3	5,602.50
Steven, Kira	Director	Forensic Accounting	851	193.8	164,948.50
Famiglietti, Tyler	Sr Consultant	Forensic Accounting	715	75.4	53,894.50
Marsella, Jenna	Sr Consultant	Forensic Accounting	639	280.3	179,235.00
Turano, Lauren	Sr Consultant	Forensic Accounting	635	221.4	140,589.00
Reid, Matthew	Consultant	Forensic Accounting	479	186.0	89,134.00
Tantleff, Alan	Senior Managing Dir	Real Estate	1,250	22.2	27,750.00
Walden, Michael	Senior Director	Real Estate	800	35.0	28,000.00
Kang, Nicholas	Consultant	Real Estate	395	4.7	1,856.50
Simms, Steven	Sr Managing Dir	Restructuring	1,495	196.4	293,618.00
Diaz, Matthew	Sr Managing Dir	Restructuring	1,356	267.9	363,268.00
Joffe, Steven	Sr Managing Dir	Restructuring	1,334	4.2	5,604.00
Bromberg, Brian	Managing Dir	Restructuring	1,020	571.2	582,675.00
Gray, Michael	Sr Consultant	Restructuring	717	381.4	273,613.50
Dawson, Maxwell	Sr Consultant	Restructuring	666	486.9	324,258.00
Sveen, Andrew	Consultant	Restructuring	499	425.3	212,329.50
Hellmund-Mora, Marili	Manager	Restructuring	325	1.8	585.00
Subtotal				6,777.6	\$ 6,588,612.00
Less: 50% Non-Working Travel Time					(10,250.00)
GRAND TOTAL				6,777.6	\$ 6,578,362.00

⁴ Due to rate increases made in the ordinary course of FTI's business, certain professionals' billable rates increased during the Application Period as disclosed in D.I. 3028. The rates above are each professional's blended rate for the Application Period.

COMPENSATION BY PROJECT CATEGORY

Task Code	Task Description	Total Hours	Total Fees
1	Current Operating Results & Events	7.9	\$ 7,502.50
2	Cash & Liquidity Analysis	290.5	214,320.50
5	Real Estate Issues	44.6	40,208.00
10	Analysis of Tax Issues	7.1	8,843.50
11	Prepare for and Attend Court Hearings	2.4	3,588.00
12	Analysis of SOFAs & SOALs	11.5	9,293.50
13	Analysis of Other Miscellaneous Motions	185.3	251,465.00
14	Analysis of Claims/Liabilities Subject to Compromise	1,132.6	1,196,628.50
16	Analysis, Negotiate and Form of POR & DS	1,281.6	1,192,150.50
18	Potential Avoidance Actions & Litigation	1,580.5	1,145,879.00
21	General Meetings with UCC and UCC Counsel	121.5	170,009.00
23	Firm Retention	3.4	2,078.50
24	Preparation of Fee Application	209.9	118,572.50
25	Travel Time	20.0	20,500.00
26	Cryptocurrency/Digital Assets Issues	1,544.9	1,845,091.50
27	Communications Planning & Execution	88.2	45,022.50
29	Exchange Restart	245.7	317,459.00
Subtotal		6,777.6	\$ 6,588,612.00
Less: 50% Non-Working Travel Time			(10,250.00)
GRAND TOTAL		6,777.6	\$ 6,578,362.00

SUMMARY OF FEES

1. The total number of hours expended by FTI professionals and paraprofessionals⁵ in performing services for the Committee during the Application Period was 6,777.6 hours. Pursuant to the Retention Order, FTI is entitled to monthly compensation for its services provided to the Committee at its current hourly rates, plus reimbursement of necessary out of pocket expenses. The following paragraphs describe the primary services rendered by FTI during the Application Period.

Code 14 – Analysis of Claims / Liabilities Subject to Compromise (1,132.6 hours)

2. During the Application Period, FTI valued customers' claims for both standard cryptocurrencies and derivatives on these cryptocurrencies. These values will be important for the UCC to consider the Debtors' motion on how to price tokens as of the petition date. At the direction of the UCC, FTI valued the claims by first categorizing the tokens based on several different market characteristics. FTI evaluated the value of the tokens based on these categories, and reviewed the pricing provided by its chosen market provider (jointly chosen with the Debtors).

3. FTI's valuation was used to evaluate the valuation method proposed by the Debtors and we collaborated with the Debtors on our initial findings. This analysis was comprehensive and consisted of valuing over 3,300 tokens and derivatives making up the claims. This analysis was also an important factor in the development of FTI's recovery analysis as part of the estimate of the Debtors' liabilities.

4. During the Application Period, FTI also collaborated closely with the Debtors on the development and release of the customer claims portal that was used in connection with the customer bar date on September 30. This included reconciliation of SOAL claim information to other sources of customer information, which in many cases required the processing and analysis

⁵ Please refer to the *Supplement to the Second Interim Fee Application of FTI Consulting, Inc.* (D.I. 1653) for further detail on the roles and responsibilities of FTI's various professional segments.

of millions of lines of data and even more individual data points. Tens of thousands of customer claims have also been marked contingent, unliquidated, and/or disputed (“CUD”), and FTI performed analysis to understand the reasons for and impact of these designations. After the bar date, FTI began to analyze the composition of the claims filed against the Debtors, including by jurisdiction, by token, and other relevant divisions of the data.

5. Additionally, FTI analyzed the filed claims in order to assess their impact on potential recoveries and voting and the objections that might be needed.

Code 16 – Analysis, Negotiate and Form of POR & DS (1,281.6 hours)

6. During the Application Period, FTI continued to develop its comprehensive recovery model to understand the flow of value to different classes of creditors within the FTX estate under various hypothetical Plan structures. As the UCC approached Plan discussions with the Debtors and other stakeholders that occurred in September and October, this analysis was critical to evaluating the financial impact of certain priority decisions, consolidation scenarios, and asset & claim valuation methodologies. During the Application Period, the FTI team prepared myriad frameworks and scenarios for the UCC regarding this recovery analysis, allowing the Committee to make informed decisions about the Debtors’ and UCC advisors’ plan proposals.

Code 18 – Potential Avoidance Actions and Litigation (1,580.5 hours)

7. During the Application Period, FTI continued to work with counsel with the UCC’s investigation into potential causes of action against various parties. This included detailed review of related filings and documents, as well as analysis of thousands of documents produced by the Debtors as part of informal discovery requests. FTI continued to review the circumstances of transactions involving the Debtors’ investments to determine whether any of these transfers may have been fraudulent, preferential, or otherwise subject to potential clawback.

8. FTI also worked with the Debtors' advisors on analysis of transfers made during the 90-day preference period. FTI performed forensic accounting, detailed asset tracing, and analysis of potential defenses and offsets to any preference actions the Debtors bring. In addition, FTI has conducted detailed analysis and review of certain proof of claim forms, and the supporting diligence, that the Debtors have brought in adversary proceedings with respect to certain preference actions. Among other negotiations which are still in progress, this work resulted in settlements with the Genesis Debtors (D.I. 2433) and BlockFi Debtors (D.I. 3314), both of which were authorized by the Court during the Application Period.

Code 21 – General Meetings with UCC and UCC Counsel (121.5 hours)

9. During the Application Period, FTI participated in meetings with the Committee and its advisors. In general, the entries in this task code correspond to weekly standing Committee and advisor calls. The agendas of these calls vary widely and are based on the latest case developments and deliverables. The Committee calls are FTI's primary means of communicating important presentations and findings to the Committee, and the Committee advisor calls are key for the advisors to prioritize, strategize, and coordinate work streams among professionals.

Code 26 – Cryptocurrency / Digital Assets Issues (1,544.9 hours)

10. During the Application Period, FTI's efforts in collaboration with the Debtors' advisors to develop a cryptocurrency monetization plan came to a head. On September 13, 2023, the Court authorized the Debtors to enter into the Investment Services Agreement with Galaxy Asset Management (D.I. 2504). Prior to entry of the order, FTI professionals prepared detailed technical analysis to assess the impact of a monetization strategy to maximize creditor recovery. This analysis informed the pace, coin selection, and other parameters of the Investment Services Agreement, and provided key data to the UCC in order to leverage the UCC members' experience. FTI provided inputs in the negotiation of the final trading and technical terms of the Investment

Services Agreement and reviewed subsequent trading agreements (for spot and derivatives) between Galaxy Asset Management and trading counterparties to assure the financial terms were market.

11. This work was important in the development and updates of FTI's creditor recovery analysis. Given FTX's large cryptocurrency holdings, FTI prepared analyses to assess the realizable value of these holdings, taking into account factors such as market volatility, liquidity, and trading volume on a token-by-token basis. Near the end of the Application Period, the cryptocurrency markets began to trend materially upward – a trend which has largely continued up to the date of this filing – and FTI's valuation analysis helped the UCC to quickly understand the impact of this trend on projected creditor recoveries.

SUMMARY OF EXPENSES

Expense Type	Amount
Electronic Subscriptions	\$ 10,500.00
Lodging	2,233.63
Transportation	652.85
Travel Expenses	2,072.83
Working Meals	1,091.46
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 16,550.77

VERIFICATION PURSUANT TO DEL. BANKR. L.R. 2016-2(g) AND 28 U.S.C. § 1746

I, Matthew Diaz, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, to the best of my knowledge and belief, and after reasonable inquiry, declare as follows:

1. I am a Senior Managing Director with the consulting firm FTI Consulting, Inc., together with its wholly owned subsidiaries (“FTI”). FTI has rendered professional services to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the “Committee”) in these Chapter 11 cases.
2. I have read the foregoing statement of FTI for compensation and reimbursement of expenses (the “Fee Application”). To the best of my knowledge, information and belief formed upon the basis of my participation in this case, as well as after reasonable inquiry, the facts set forth in the foregoing Fee Application are true and correct and materially comply with the applicable orders, rules, guidelines, and requirements as set forth by the Bankruptcy Code, the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, Del. Bankr. L.R. 2016-2, and the Executive Office for the United States Trustee.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the forgoing is true and correct, to the best of my information, knowledge, and belief.

Executed on: December 15, 2023

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